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Environment Department Announces "Haz Waste Weekend" April 26th

(Santa Fe, NM) — In honor of Earth Day, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) will offer ways for state residents to safely get rid of household hazardous waste products, such as paint, cleaners, oil and pesticides, on Saturday, April 26th.

"Just because something is sitting in your house, under your sink or in your garage, doesn't mean it's benign." Said NMED Secretary Ron Curry. "Improper disposal of many common household products, like pouring them down the drain or tossing them in the trash, can cause serious harm to the environment."

New Mexicans will be able to drop off household hazardous waste products for free at NMED's Field Offices in Roswell at 1914 Second Street and Gallup at 306 South Fifth from 9 am-2 pm on April 26th. NMED is contracting with a company to ensure proper disposal of these products.

All hazardous waste, except radioactive, explosive and biological substances such as ammunition or infectious waste, will be accepted.

To complete the weekend, Santa Fe County is also accepting household hazardous waste products at its Transfer Station at 1686 Paseo de Vista in Santa Fe on Sunday, April 27.

"Earth Day is about ways that we as individuals can pitch in to help our environment," said Secretary Curry. "Keeping these dangerous substances out of the landfill where they can leach into groundwater is one way to do that and give Mother Nature a break."

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